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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a Response to Restriction Requirement.